

March 1, 2015

Ms Nancy Rumrill  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9  
Drinking Water Protection Section, Mail Code WTR-3-2  
75 Hawthorne Street  
San Francisco, CA 94105

Dear Ms. Rumrill,

I am opposed to the following proposed permit:

Draft Class III Underground Injection Control Area Permit  
Permit Number R9UIC-AZ3-FY11-1  
Florence Copper, Inc.

I am a full-time resident of the area where the quality of the drinking water could be affected by this injection process. I have tried to gather as much information as possible. I am very concerned as I believe this project proposal has many flaws:

1. There is no evidence that Florence Copper can control the sulfuric acid solution that they plan to inject into fractured bedrock.

2. The permit monitoring relies solely on Florence Copper's assumptions and calculations, rather than an independent source of data.

3. The lower basin fill unit which is the regional drinking water supply is not protected.

4. Once contamination of the aquifer occurs it would be impossible to return it to drinking water standards.

The San Tan Valley which includes the town of Florence has experienced unprecedented growth in the last 17 years since the original permit was granted. This growth is expected to continue as the metro Phoenix area expands. This community, as well as every community across the nation understands that safe drinking water is one of our most vital resources now and for generations to come. We can not put this resource at risk without extensive scrutiny.

I am very thankful that our government leaders had the foresight to establish the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to assure this resource would not be compromised for any reason. I trust that you will not grant this proposal permit due to the flaws and lack of evidence regarding the safety of this process.

Thank you for your time, effort and good faith as you make this decision.

Sincerely,  
Teresa Doornan